UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

By letter dated November 7, 2007 defendant Tiger Oak
Publications requested that its representative be permitted to
attend the Settlement Conference by telephone on the grounds
that it is located out of state and wishes to avoid the
expense of traveling to San Francisco for the conference.
Plaintiff opposes the request.

The Settlement Conference Order states that personal attendance of a representative will only be excused upon a showing of substantial hardship. Everyone incurs some burden in attending a court ordered hearing or conference. Those burdens are a normal incident of litigation and do not amount

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to substantial hardship in this case. Accordingly, defendant's request is **DENIED**. The parties are reminded to carefully comply with the Settlement Order in selecting their representatives. personally involved in the underlying dispute should not attend unless the corporation has no one else with full settlement authority to represent it. Dated: November 13, 2007 United States (Magistrate Judge G:\BZALL\-REFS\REFS.07\INTAGIO.DENYEXC.wpd